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NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

A recent Pew Internet & American Life Project study found that 26% of American teens of driving age say that they have texted while driving, and 48% of all teens 12 to 17 say that they have been a passenger while a driver has sent a text message.

According to a Virginia Tech study, sending electronic text messages while driving makes an accident 23 times more likely.

The United States Department of Transportation has banned all commercial truck and bus drivers from sending electronic text messages while driving, with the support of the drivers' unions. In California, it is illegal to send electronic text messages while driving.

AT&T has initiated a new public awareness campaign on the dangers of texting while driving.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE, that the County of Los Angeles promote safe driving across California and hereby joins AT&T in its effort to educate the general public about the dangers of texting while driving.

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